

Ellensburg School District Education Foundation
Meeting Minutes
11/21/02

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Morgan Library by Dick Wedin.

Present were: Dick Wedin, David Bowen, Mike Luvera, Adrienne Zimney, Virginia Korté, Bob Titus, Mike McCloskey, Rebecca Bowers, Jerry Harris, Gretta Merwin, Connie Dunnington

Brochures:

Dick reported that 3000 brochures were printed by the District Print Shop at cost. He asked that members distribute them at will. More are available at the District Office is wanted.

Planned Giving:

Virginia reported that she had sent letters and brochures out to all the banks, financial planners, lawyers, etc. in town.

Bricks and Pavers:

- Dick shared that he had spoken with KJM and the Architects.
- 4 x 8 horizontal element
- 4 x 12 vertical pavers on the entrance wall, exterior
- Dick will discuss with the Board at the December retreat
- Dick will have Kenedar and the architect talk
- He will ask if they can be done in-place on a vertical surface
- Bob suggested that we do a pre-sale anyway, even though some uncertainties exist, to generate revenue. Any pre-sale is put on-hold until after the Board retreat.
- Bob suggested a joint Foundation/School Board meeting/discussion (possibly at the Dec. 11 meeting)
- A Valentines sale was suggested.
- John MacRae has agreed to handle Kenedar software

- Bob, Connie, and John agreed to be the Bricks and Pavers committee. They will create the brochure.
- Dick will get architect drawings

IRS Concerns:

- Jerry O'Grady from the IRS spoke with Richard and Dick and indicated "This is a piece of cake."
- Richard and Dick had to answer three questions posed by the IRS
- We should hear back from the IRS by the second week of December. They expect positive results.

Hedda Sharpan:

- Rebecca was welcomed back
- She reported that Ethan Bergman continues to work with Hedda. He is hoping to reschedule her in March or April pending the health of Hedda's mother.
- CWU hopes to have an annual event benefiting kids, parents, and teachers
- Next year's event is already in the planning stages

Reading Foundation:

- Dr. Jefferies attended a presentation at the School Board convention on a reading foundation that distributes books to newborns in the community.
- Dick has spoken with Sandy Sheldon about grant opportunities for this project
- Dick asked for volunteers to take this on.
- Adrienne suggested Sue Briggs had expressed an interest
- Dick also suggested Judy Backlund
- It was shared that the Tri-Cities does this
- Bob shared his concern that such a project could go counter to our intent, bylaws, and our IRS status
- Rebecca mentioned a new CWU Early Childhood professor, Shawn Christensen (sp?). She will contact him when he returns from Japan to see if he is interested in participating in this project.
- Rebecca also suggested giving every child in kindergarten a book to keep

Allocations:

- Jerry reminded us that they need to change the titles on all the pages
- They probably won't start until we have money to work with
- Jerry is working with Jim Baker to see about money for schools to have for emergency student needs.
- It was suggested that teachers be reminded about the Foundation at each year's welcome back event
- Bob suggested changing the due date to November 1
- Bob also shared a number of suggestions for corrections to the form
- Bob suggested the elimination of "medication, physical exams, and rent/groceries" as those should be picked up by other groups like KCAC
- Jerry proposed eliminating references to those items

Grant Application Procedures:

- Bob asked about multiple year grants
- Virginia suggested we leave the procedures in place for the first year. "Keep it simple for now."
- Bob suggested that we need to decide how much emphasis we plan to place on "Principal support" when deciding on the grants
- It was suggested that we add a line above the principal's signature line to the effect: "I have read the application and agree that it meets the criteria of the building."
- Virginia will retype the application and present it at our next meeting
- We plan to implement during the 2003-04 school year.

Annual Meeting:

Bob suggested that we begin working on the annual meeting which could include getting a big name speaker and using the event as a fund raiser.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. McCloskey
Secretary